

ADDRESS OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, TO CONVENTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA NURSES,
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TO THE NURSES OF SOUTH CAROLINA;

It is a great pleasure to me to extend the greetings of the State of South Carolina to the members of the South Carolina State Nurses' Association and the four "sister organizations" on the occasion of your annual convention in Columbia.

In all human activity, few callings can equal the value to mankind of the nursing profession, and certainly no calling is founded upon nobler ideals. It is inspiring, therefore, to see all the various phases of nursing in South Carolina bound together into one organization for the common good.

In recent years we have made much progress in the great task of improving the health of our people. Since 1947, we have provided \$6,000,000 to counties for hospitals and health centers, and set up minimum standards for hospitals; we have increased funds for cancer control, including a \$500,000 allocation for clinical work; we have provided a scholarship plan to train doctors who will serve in rural areas, and we have provided funds for the erection of a \$10,000,000 teaching-hospital clinic at Charleston for teaching and treatment of unusual diseases. One of our most significant accomplishments was the reorganization of the State Board of Health, so that it now includes representatives of our nurses, dentists, and pharmacists.

Much still remains to be done, however, if our people are to have the good health they need to meet the challenge of South Carolina's future, which appears brighter today than it ever has before.

In this noble effort, the role of our nurses is of outstanding importance. South Carolinians are proud to know that our nurses recognize that role, and that they are striving to fulfill it in a manner befitting their high calling.

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Governor